by the inhabitants of Vedakkangara and Kuruva amsams of Walluvanad taluk requesting for the opening of a rural dispensary at Makkaraparamba ; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The District Medical Officer, Malabar, received the memorandum and forwarded it to the President, District Board, Malabar, recommending the opening of a regular local fund dispensary at the place.

" (*b*) If and when proposals are received from the Malabar District Board the Government will take necessary action in the matter."

Deepening of the channel and tank from Madur-Melakkar Dam

* 1242 *Q.*—SRI V. ARUMUGHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have given any instructions to deepen the channel and the tank from the Madur-Melakkar Dam to Vellur kasba?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No."

Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors' Course

* 1243 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the sanctioned strength for admission to the Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors' Course for the year 1953–54 in the Madras Veterinary College;

(*b*) whether any seats were reserved for Harijan candidates; and

(*c*) how many of them were availed of?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government ordered the discontinuance of the Veterinary and Livestock Inspector's Course in the Madras Veterinary College from the academic year 1953–54.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The questions do not arise."

Polling stations in South Arcot during the district board election

* 1244 *Q.*—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many polling stations were arranged in South Arcot district during the last district board election;

(*b*) whether there were separate booths for men and women; and

(*c*) if so, how many were provided for women?